

WI-564  
Nutter's District Election House  
Fruitland  
Private

1938

The Nutter's District Election house was moved to a site in Fruitland in an effort to preserve the last known single-room election house in Wicomico County. Built in 1938 to replace an older structure, the weatherboarded frame election house was relocated in 1976 by the Wicomico County Historical Society. The two-bay by two-bay, utilitarian frame structure was designed and built with a functional aesthetic and little in the way of architectural embellishment.

# Maryland Historical Trust

## Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. WI-564

### 1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Nutter's District Election House  
other \_\_\_\_\_

### 2. Location

street and number North Division Street \_\_\_\_\_ not for publication  
city, town Fruitland \_\_\_\_\_ vicinity  
county Wicomico

### 3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name City of Fruitland  
street and number 401 West Main Street telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
city, town Fruitland state MD zip code 21826

### 4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Wicomico County Clerk of Court liber \_\_\_\_\_ folio \_\_\_\_\_  
city, town Salisbury tax map \_\_\_\_\_ tax parcel \_\_\_\_\_ tax ID number \_\_\_\_\_

### 5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- \_\_\_\_ Contributing Resource in National Register District  
\_\_\_\_ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District  
\_\_\_\_ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register  
\_\_\_\_ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register  
\_\_\_\_ Recorded by HABS/HAER  
\_\_\_\_ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT  
\_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

### 6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
____ district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	____ agriculture	Contributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	____ private	____ landscape	<u>1</u>
____ structure	____ both	____ commerce/trade	Noncontributing
____ site		____ defense	____ building s
____ object		____ domestic	____ sites
		____ education	____ structu s
		____ funerary	____ objects
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> government	<u>1</u> Total
		____ health care	
		____ industry	
		____ recreation/culture	
		____ religion	
		____ social	
		____ transportation	
		____ work in progress	
		____ unknown	
		____ vacant/not in use	
		____ other:	

**Number of Contributing Resource  
previously listed in the Inventory**  
\_\_\_\_\_

## 7. Description

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### Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Nutter's District Election House stands on the east side of North Division Street behind the Public Works building in Fruitland, Wicomico County, Maryland. The election house faces west with the gable roof oriented on an east/west axis.

Built in 1938 and moved to this site in 1976, the single-story, one-room plan election house is supported on a concrete block foundation, and the exterior is sheathed with plain weatherboard siding. The medium pitched gable roof is covered with asphalt shingles.

The single-story, one-room plan frame structure has a two-bay front with a four-panel front door flanked by a boarded over window opening. The edge of the roof has a slightly extended eave.

The north and south sides of the election house are defined by two boarded over window openings, and the edge of the roof has extended eaves with exposed rafter ends. A single-flue brick stack pierces the south side of the election house.

The east (rear) elevation is a plain wall surface sheathed with plain weatherboards. There is a access door in the block foundation providing a crawl space under the structure.

The interior was not seen.

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science	
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history	
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:	

Specific dates

Architect/Builder

Construction dates 1938

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register

☐ Maryland Register

☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 1 acre  
Acreage of historical setting 1/4 acre  
Quadrangle name Salisbury, Maryland

Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

### Verbal boundary description and justification

The metes and bounds of this property are coincidental with the current boundary of the lot.

## 11. Form Prepared by

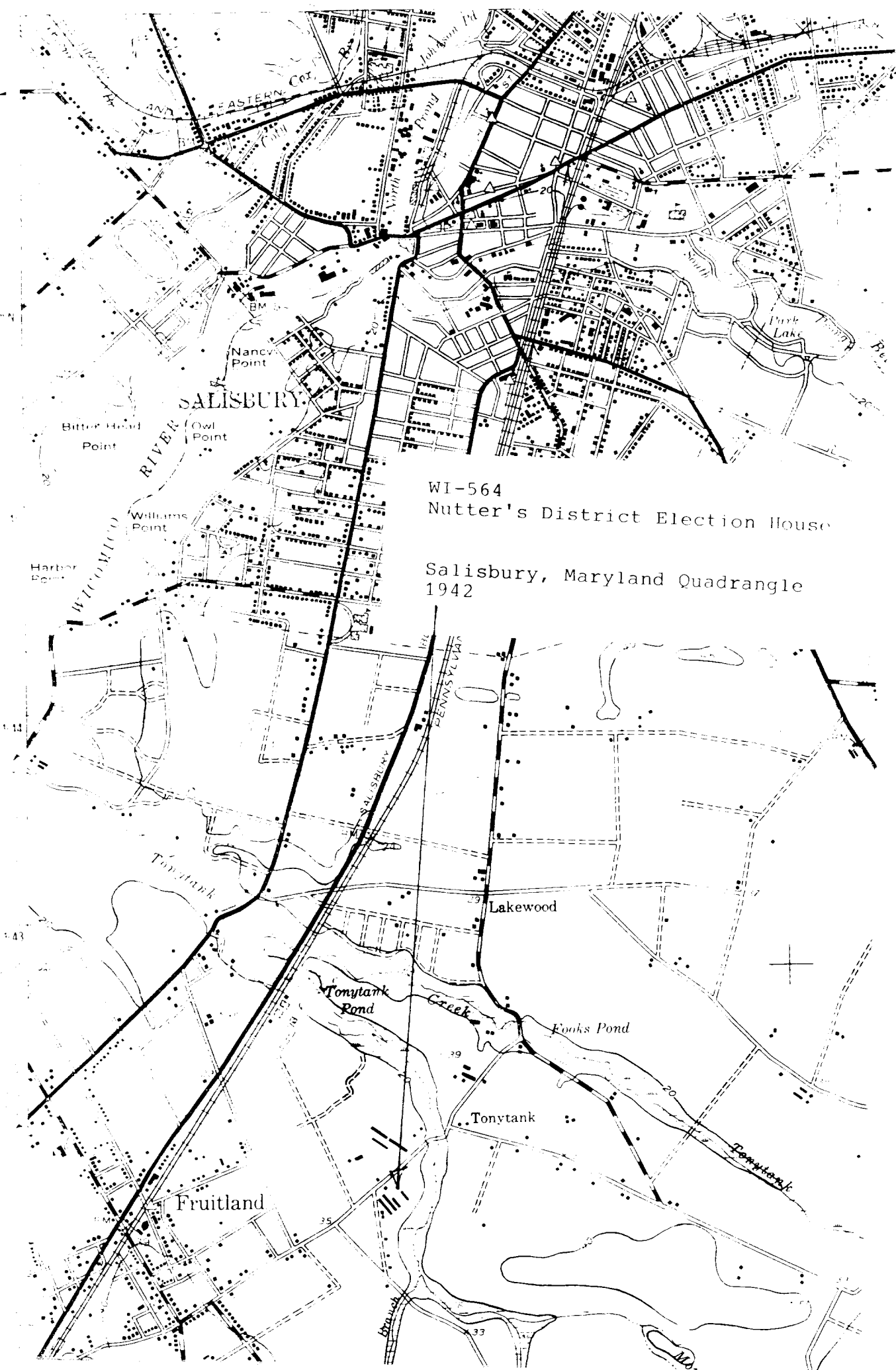
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Salisbury, Maryland Quadrangle  
1942

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NATION'S ELECTION HOUSE

FRUITLAND, WISCONSIN Co. WIS.

SOUTHWEST ELEVATION

7/01, PAUL TOWARD. PHOTOGRAPHED

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Nutter's Election House

FRUITLAND, WICOMICO Co., MD.

SOUTHEAST ELEVATION

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